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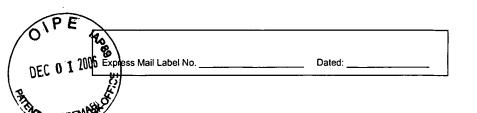
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 1, 2006, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group II: claims 6 and 7 with traverse for continued examination.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.